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Dr. Arthur L. Burt
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Dear Dr. Burt:

My concern for the continued maintenance of the Map and Publications Procurement Program prompts me to write to you at the present time.

As you know, the Central Intelligence Agency receives a considerable number of valuable maps and publications through the Department of State's Acquisitions Program. Within the Central Intelligence Agency, these materials are put to many uses, including the production of cartographic, geographic, economic, and current intelligence.

Any serious reduction in the total efforts of your ten Geographic Attaches and five Publications Procurement Officers would represent a serious loss of intelligence source materials for the Agency.

My office has been represented on the Interagency Map and Publications Acquisitions Committee (IMPAC) since its inception in 1947, and the highly successful conduct of this program has been most helpful to the mapping and intelligence agencies. I should like to urge, therefore, that you take every step possible to insure the continued maintenance of this program at the highest possible level.

Sincerely,

Signed
James A. Brannell
Director

Basic and Geographic Intelligence